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Title : Exercise Apparatus for Simulating Skating Movement

Dear Sirs:

Further to the undersigned's telephone conference with the Examiner last week, the applicant confirms the Examiner's verbal advice that the Examiner has identified the following further United States patents as describing similar exercise devices:

United States Patent No. 5,855,538 to Argabright
United States Patent No. 4,915,373 to Walker.

In anticipation of the oral interview with the Examiner scheduled for today, enclosed please find the applicant's brief overview of the teachings of the above indicated references.

The applicant looks forward to discussing this application further with the Examiner later today.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUMMARY

A. United States Patent No. 5,855,538 to Argabright

- describes an exercise device incorporating a pair of parallel, forwardly curving tracks
- operated with a user sitting in a chair while placing feet on the foot supports (see column 4, lines 6 to 15)
- specifically recognizes problems of maintaining balance if used in a standing position (column 4, lines 14 and 15), hence use of a seat
- compare outward extension of knee in a 90° orientation in a seated position versus in a standing position
- not operable to simulate skating movement / not operable to support a user standing thereon

B. United States Patent No. 4,915,373 to Walker

- skating apparatus incorporates a track with a flat power section 70 (see Figure 3 -- cross-bars 84,86 extend normal to the power section 70)
- track includes downwardly forward return section 72 (see Figure 2 and Figure 3 re cross-bar support 84,86)
- in use, downwardly forward curving return section 72 is to simulate the lifting of a user's foot
- power section does not extend downwardly rearward from proximal upper end to lower distal end used
- user operator device / leaning in semi-prone position (see column 3, lines 10 to 14)